

Seisaku does not have a teaching that would motivate one of ordinary skill in the art to place a tape on the shaft of the Reach putter other than in parallel to the face of the putter. There is no teaching that the tape would be placed in alignment with the sighting line of Reach. In fact, Seisaku appears to show the tape 4 out of alignment with the line on the head 1 of the putter in Fig. 1.

Accordingly, any modification of Reach with the teachings of Seisaku would not result in the claimed structure. Thus, a rejection of claim 1 as being unpatentable over Reach in view of Seisaku is not warranted pursuant to the provisions of 35 USC 103.

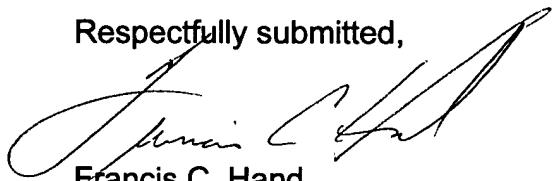
Note is made of the Examiner's allegation that placing an alignment means on both the head and the shaft "merely enhances the alignment effect". However, note that in Fig. 1 of Seisaku, there appears to be an alignment means on both the head and the shaft. But the two alignment means are not in alignment with each other.

The remaining references of record have been reviewed; however, none is believed to be further pertinent to the claimed structure.

The application is believed to be in condition for allowance and such is respectfully requested.

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